

1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?

I've been a research scientist for 20 yrs, mostly in pharmaceuticals. However, my passion is farming which is also my occupation.

2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?

I have lived in the neighbouring riding of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell for 6 yrs.

3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?

Mostly through the local food movement, for which I'm well known. I'm an active defender of small farms and producers and work for various organizations towards that end.

4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?

I moved from Montreal to Eastern Ontario to farm. I got tired of the urban ag scene and wanted to do the real thing. Little did I know that my experience here would fire me up to get involved in politics. I didn't know what supply management was. Then I learned that, even though my land is zoned agricultural, I was restricted from selling milk, eggs, chicken and turkey. There are lots of absurd and unjust regulations that make it difficult to sell local food. There is a need to strengthen property rights, especially as they pertain to rural living.

5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?

Gary Johnson, former governor of New Mexico and Libertarian Party nominee for President of the US. While governor, he secured civil liberties, cut taxes, and reduced government spending. Basically, I believe that government's role is to handle finances in a responsible and sustainable manner, and to protect our freedom. Gary Johnson quote: "When someone tells you you're wasting your vote, recognize that they don't care about you. It's a selfish statement. They are saying your beliefs aren't worth being represented. That you should silence your voice so theirs can be louder. Vote your conscience, not someone else's politics."

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

The next governing party needs to address our unstable and unpredictable immigration system. Our riding is bordering the United States so we are directly involved with all border issues and security. The People's Party of Canada will implement policy that prioritizes immigrants who can provide economic benefits to the Canadian economy. We will not rely upon the United Nations for refugee selection.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?

Many Canadians are frustrated because they feel that their day-to-day concerns have been ignored. I will work with the People's Party of Canada to push for policy that makes a direct improvement on people's lives. The People's Party platform offers real solutions for the economy, and we are seeing our platform being mimicked by the other parties as the election campaign progresses.